

## **Fat Wife 461**

### Chapter 461: Writing the Agreement

“Hmph, no. How can what the He family is giving me be the same as what you’re giving me?” Qian’e looked at Ma San disdainfully.

“I’m unable to give you money...” Ma San said.

“Pfft, I don’t want your stinky money! Write down today’s time and place, as well as what you’re here for and what you’re going to do. And that after this thing is done, you will divorce Shen Na and let me do whatever I want to you!” Qian’e said.

“Alright... I’ll write it down...” Ma San took a pen and paper and started writing.

He Mei had completed hers long ago and handed it to Qian’e impatiently. “Is that good enough?”

Qiao Mei had specially instructed Qian’e to make sure that He Mei wrote everything down word for word and not to allow her to miss out on even a single word. Otherwise, if they really got into a standoff in the future, this piece of paper would be ineffective.

In her other life, Qiao Mei was a lawyer and was very familiar with such things. That afternoon, she gave Qian’e a proper lesson and told her where loopholes could appear and where she needed to pay extra attention. Qian’e made sure that she listened attentively and did not dare to be careless.

“This part is not clear. Write down clearly what you want. You can’t just write that you want me to harm Qiao Mei. Didn’t you verbally list down everything so clearly and logically just now? Now you write as if you don’t know what you want me to do? You have to write down each and every condition clearly, otherwise I won’t be able to understand it,” Qian’e said as she returned the paper to He Mei.

“That’s enough. How can you not understand what I’m writing?” He Mei said fiercely.

Qian’e immediately stood up and shouted furiously, “Just now, you had asked me to harm Qiao Mei’s baby! What you’re writing now is that you want me to harm Qiao Mei! This is a matter of two different

lives! If you don't even want to spare Qiao Mei's life, your current condition is too limited! Do you still want to do this together!"

Qian'e shouted so loudly that an echo could be heard. He Mei was so frightened that she quickly stood up to calm Qian'e down, wishing there was a way she could shut her up immediately.

"Lower your voice! Do you want everyone to know!" He Mei reprimanded softly.

"Hmph, if you want me to keep quiet, then write properly. Don't have any funny ideas. I won't fall for that! If you can't write it properly today, I definitely won't do it. I think you don't really want to save your little uncle. I'm an idle person and I have plenty of time to waste with you, but does your little uncle have time to wait?" Qian'e pointed out the current situation of the He family scathingly.

Time really did not wait for anyone. It would not be worth it to waste all this time on Qian'e.

Given He Ning's health condition, he would not be able to hold on for long. They had to save He Ning as soon as possible, even if it meant not saving He Guo and He Wei. As long as He Ning could come back, they would definitely be safe. He Ning would not leave his two brothers behind.

"Then tell me how you want me to write it. Don't keep saying that I fail to meet your requirements and make me write it over and over again. It's a waste of time," He Mei said.

Qian'e thought for a moment and said, "Then tell me what you want me to do and what you want to pay me when it's done."

"I want you to think of a way to harm the child that Qiao Mei is carrying and make it disappear. It would be best if you can kidnap Qiao Mei. I can give you all the money and manpower to do this. After this is done, I will give you 100,000 dollars as remuneration and ask Ma San to leave the He family," He Mei said word by word.

Qian'e nodded in satisfaction and said, "Ma San can write his part himself. You should write that you agree with my request to send Ma San to a remote mountain area and that he must leave the capital forever."

He Mei took a glance at Ma San and said, "Sure."

Ma San could only listen to He Mei's arrangements and did not dare to resist. These two women were vicious and he could not win against them.

"You write your part as well!" Qian'e said to Ma San.

"But I'm not asking you to do anything. What should I write?" Ma San asked.

"Just write down why you're here and that you're following He Mei's instructions. That after this is done, you will divorce Shen Na and let me do whatever I want to you," Qian'e said.

The thought of Ma San and Shen Na getting a divorce made her feel good. She had heard that Shen Na was also pregnant now. If they got a divorce now, she did not know if Shen Na would be able to handle it. It would be best if Shen Na ended up like her back then!

Ma San slowly wrote down what Qian'e wanted.

Qian'e carefully examined the two agreements and did not dare to be careless at all. He Mei was already getting impatient from waiting.

There was only one last step left, and that was for them to sign and stamp the agreements.

Chapter 462: Signing and Stamping

"Are you done yet?" He Mei said impatiently.

"Why are you in such a hurry! I'm reading! What if you trick me again!" Qian'e shouted back at He Mei.

At this moment, He Mei could neither rush nor scold Qian'e. The initiative in this matter was with Qian'e, so she had no choice but to listen to Qian'e.

He Mei was really at her wits' end.

"Alright, alright. Now, you have to put your thumbprint on it before we can consider this matter settled." Qian'e took out the ink pad from her bag and placed it on the table.

"Do you still need a thumbprint? You're quite well-prepared." He Mei looked at Qian'e mockingly.

Qian'e did not care about the look. Qiao Mei had already told her that only when the agreement was signed and stamped could it be considered that both witness and material evidence were in place. Then, they would be able to capture He Mei even if she ran away to the ends of the earth.

Qian'e pointed at the end of the agreement and said, "Write your name here and put your thumbprint on it."

After Ma San and He Mei were done, Qian'e reached out to take the agreements but was stopped by He Mei.

"You have to write down your name here as well, right? What's the use of just having ours? You have to sign and stamp it too," He Mei said.

There was no need for He Mei to remind her that she needed to sign and stamp the agreements as well. Qiao Mei had already explained all these things to her. It was called... Party A and Party B! Yes, yes, yes! Although she did not understand what Qiao Mei said, whatever Qiao Mei said must be right.

"What's the hurry! I'm just about to write it! Give it to me, give it to me!" Qian'e snatched the two agreements and wrote her name on them before pressing her thumbprint on them.

Qian'e took up the agreements and waved it at the two of them before keeping them in her bag.

"Alright, you all saw my signatures, so I'm putting them away now. He Mei, where's my 20,000 dollars?" Qian'e asked as she looked at He Mei.

He Mei thought that Qian'e had forgotten about this matter. She waved her hand and asked Ma San to go to the car to get the money.

When Ma San heard about getting the money, he was overjoyed. He hurriedly ran back to the car and took out two stacks of money from He Mei's bag in the back seat. There was so much money that he was sure no one would discover it if he secretly took a few notes.

Just as Ma San was about to keep a few notes for himself, Qian'e shouted loudly, "Let me tell you! Not a single cent less! I will do a check!"

On the surface, it looked like she was talking to He Mei, but in reality, she was talking to Ma San who was in the car.

She knew Ma San too well. He Mei was a careless person and would not have noticed how much money Ma San had stolen from her family. Moreover, Ma San also had something on He Mei, so He Mei turned a blind eye to these things. To her, it was not a big deal if he took some money as the He family could afford it.

"Why do you have to shout? You're really a shrew. I'm going deaf from all your shouting," He Mei said as she dug her ears.

"Hmph, it's best if you're deaf," Qian'e muttered.

Ma San had no choice but to hand the two intact stacks of money to Qian'e.

Qian'e handed the money to He Mei and said, "Count it. Don't claim to have given me more and then ask me to return the excess."

He Mei snorted and said, "You should count it yourself. Does my He family need this bit of money from you? Don't go back and then say that I shortchanged you and then come to ask me for more."

Qian'e sat down in a fit of pique and slowly counted the money note by note. In any case, He Mei had told her to count them carefully, so she must count them one by one in detail.

He Mei was so angry that she took out 500 dollars from her pocket and placed it on the table, saying “I don’t have time to waste with you! This 500 dollars is for you, you definitely won’t be shortchanged! Ma San, let’s go.”

“Hey! What is this! No, you have to wait for me to finish counting! I don’t want to owe you anything if there’s any extra!” Qian’e said.

He Mei said impatiently, “If there’s extra, just take it as my gift to you. This 500 dollars is also for you. Take your time to sit here and count them. You have to give me an answer within three days!”

He Mei and Ma San drove their cars and left the pavilion area. When there was no other sound around, Qian’e took a look at the spot where Qiao Mei and Xia He were hiding before leaving with her things.

They did not know if He Mei had arranged for her own people to wait at the foot of the mountain. It was safer for them to return to their own place to talk.

After going down the mountain, Qian’e returned to her neighborhood. Qiao Mei and Xia He also went to Xia Fang’s house.

It was already nighttime when Qian’e went to look for them.

#### Chapter 463: I Like Aunt the Most

Xia Fang was overjoyed to see Qiao Mei the moment she got home. Nowadays, she found herself missing Qiao Mei so much on each day that she did not get to see Qiao Mei.

“Oh my, Mei Mei is here! I just got off work and don’t know about this! If I had known earlier, I would have gone out to buy some delicious food,” Xia Fang said.

Qiao Mei sat on the sofa and said with a smile, “Aunt, don’t get so busy. Come and sit down.”

Xia Fang placed her bag on the cabinet at the door and went to sit down beside Qiao Mei. She really liked Qiao Mei and wished that Qiao Mei could stay at her house every day. It would be great if she could have a daughter-in-law like Qiao Mei in the future!

“Why are you here today? I miss you so much!” Xia Fang said as she held Qiao Mei’s hand.

Qiao Mei pouted and asked playfully, “Then why don’t you come to the house to look for me, Aunt? Xia Zhe doesn’t let me go out and I miss you too!”

“You little girl, I’ve been busy at the hospital for the past two days. By the way, how have you been recently? Do you want to go to the hospital for a checkup? I heard from Eldest Brother that you had insomnia the other day?” Xia Fang asked as she looked at Qiao Mei nervously.

The day when something happened to the He family, Qiao Mei had simply found an excuse to answer Xia Mao’s query. She did not expect Xia Mao to remember it and even gave Xia Fang a call to ask her many questions about insomnia, causing Xia Fang to worry about it for a long time.

If not for the fact that her work had piled up during the long period that Kong Li stayed at her house for so long, when she had to hide from Kong Li and also deal with family matters, she would have gone to get Qiao Mei to do a proper checkup long ago.

“Well... I actually wanted to go and watch the commotion that day, so...” Qiao Mei looked at Xia Fang guiltily.

Xia Fang had raised her own children before, so she naturally knew how a kid would think. She reached out and tapped Qiao Mei’s forehead.

“You, you. When you go back and meet Eldest Brother, you have to tell him that you’re already feeling fine. Otherwise, he’ll still be worried. Although he’s usually very quiet, he actually remembers everything that happens at home,” Xia Fang said.

Qiao Mei nodded. She knew that Xia Mao treated her very well, and it was just that he was not good at expressing himself.

“Aunt, you only have eyes for Qiao Mei now. You don’t even like me anymore,” Xia He said with a bit of jealousy.

Of course, it was not true. She was just teasing Xia Fang about the fact that as soon as Xia Fang entered, she only had eyes for Qiao Mei and did not even seem to see her niece at all.

“Not at all. Of course I like our Xiao He the most!” Xia Fang said as she hugged Xia He.

“Hmph, that’s more like it,” Xia He said.

“Aunt, we’re actually here for something,” Qiao Mei said seriously as she looked at Xia Fang.

If she wanted to succeed in this matter, she still had to rely on Xia Fang’s help.

Qiao Mei briefly explained the entire matter to Xia Fang, causing her to be so upset that she grabbed the teacup on the coffee table and threw it on the ground.

“Outrageous! Does the He family not take our Xia family seriously! How can they even think of such a thing! Call Eldest Brother and Xiao Zhe now! Tell them not to let the He family off!” Xia Fang said angrily.

Qiao Mei and Xia He did not expect Xia Fang to have such a big reaction. Qiao Mei immediately went forward to calm Xia Fang down. Xia He poured Xia Fang a glass of water and went to the kitchen to get a broom to sweep up the broken pieces on the ground.

“Aunt, don’t be angry. I know this matter is indeed too much, but this is a good opportunity to take down the He family in one fell swoop!” Qiao Mei said.

Xia Fang still felt that this entire matter was too risky. If anything went wrong, the children would be gone!

“What you did is really too rash. I’m still worried. What if something happens? The He family is a small matter. What’s most important is you,” Xia Fang said.



“Don’t worry, Aunt. I definitely know my limits. I’ll be fine,” Qiao Mei said sweetly as she leaned on Xia Fang’s shoulder.

“Have you told Xiao Zhe about this?” Xia Fang asked.

Qiao Mei shook her head. She did not dare to tell Xia Zhe about this. If she did, it would definitely make him angry.

“So you know it would make him angry?” Xia Fang said.

“That’s why I’m here to ask you for help, Aunt. I know you’re the nicest to me!” Qiao Mei said.

Xia Fang turned to look at Xia He and said sternly, “Are you also involved in this matter?”

Xia He smiled awkwardly and did not dare to say anything.

#### Chapter 464: I Can Help You

“You still can smile! Why didn’t you stop Qiao Mei from doing this! She’s still young and doesn’t have any sense of appropriateness. Are you also a child?” Xia Fang reprimanded.

“...I can’t persuade her either,” Xia He said.

Qiao Mei stood in front of Xia Fang and said, “Aunt, this has nothing to do with elder sister. She kept stopping me from going and even protected me.”

Xia Fang completely ignored what Qiao Mei said. This matter was just Xia He’s fault.

“Go and wait at one side. I’ll settle the score with you later! I’ll teach her a lesson first,” Xia Fang said as she stood up.

Xia He walked purposefully to one side and stood still. This was the Xia family’s usual method of punishment.

“Do you know what you have done wrong?” Xia Fang stood in front of Xia He with a ruler.

Xia He stretched out her hands and said warily, “I shouldn’t have allowed Qiao Mei to do anything dangerous. I didn’t tell Xia Zhe about this immediately. I knew that this was a very dangerous matter, but I still went with Qiao Mei.”

Xia Fang weighed the ruler in her hand. She just wanted to scare Xia He. During this period of time which Xia He spent running around with Qiao Mei lawlessly, she had almost forgotten her sense of propriety.

“I won’t hit you. Just stand here for a while and think about what your grandfather taught you.” After saying that, Xia Fang walked up to Qiao Mei.

“Your turn,” Xia Fang said as she stared at Qiao Mei sternly.

“I... um... Aunt, you just came back and haven’t eaten yet, right? I’ll go make you something to eat now. Aunt, please don’t be angry.” Qiao Mei slowly moved towards the kitchen.

Xia Fang sat on the sofa and sighed. She could not do anything about this Qiao Mei. If she scolded the girl, she would feel bad as well. There was really nothing she could do.

How could it be foolproof to let Qian’e kidnap Qiao Mei when the plan was to get rid of her babies? If anything should happen to the babies, it could easily affect Qiao Mei too. This was no joking matter.

Qiao Mei could not bear to see Xia Fang looking so dejected while sitting on the sofa. She knew that she had gone overboard in this matter, but if she did not do this, He Mei would continue to harm her.

The He family would feel uneasy as long as she was not eliminated. As long as she was safe and sound, He Mei would continue to harm her by using any means necessary. Qian'e was the one being made use of today, who would it be tomorrow?

She might as well catch them all in one fell swoop. That way, she could finally feel at ease.

Qiao Mei finished cooking and brought the food to the table. She quietly went to call Xia Fang.

"Aunt, we can eat now," Qiao Mei said warily.

"Why should I eat? I'm already full of anger because of you. How can I eat anymore," Xia Fang said sulkily.

"Aunt, I know I'm in the wrong. No matter what, let's eat first. Don't be angry. You can teach me a lesson after dinner," Qiao Mei said.

Seeing how Qiao Mei acted cute in order to coax her, she could not stay angry for long and compromised her stand in the end.

"Xiao He, come and eat too," Xia Fang said.

The three of them finished their meal without a word.

During this short period of time, Xia Fang had also thought it through. Even if she went to tell Xia Zhe about this matter, it would not change anything. Given that He Mei wanted to harm Qiao Mei no matter what, even without Qian'e, there would be someone else in the future. Instead of waiting for that to happen, it was better to make use of the current situation when they knew both themselves and the enemy, and got everyone to think of countermeasures to solve the problem together.

"The two of you, come over here. Let's discuss what to do about this," Xia Fang said sternly.

Qiao Mei and Xia He looked at each other and smiled. This meant that Xia Fang had agreed to their plan.

“What do you want me to do?” Xia Fang asked.

“Aunt, this is what I think. I would like to trouble you to arrange for an ambulance and some of our own people to stay in the operating theater and pretend to go and save me,” Qiao Mei said.

“This is not a difficult thing. Your Uncle Liu Yang is the hospital director and we can arrange all these things for you. However, you have to tell me your plan in detail. Otherwise, I won’t allow you to do it. I don’t believe that if I lock you up at your grandfather’s place every day, someone will dare to touch you,” Xia Fang said.

“We... Actually, Qian’e will be coming over later. I have asked her to come over tonight. She went to see He Mei earlier today,” Qiao Mei said.

Xia Fang nodded and said, “I can choose not to tell Eldest Brother and Eldest Sister-in-law about this, but you have to tell Xiao Zhe about this. Otherwise, he may do something too extreme when push comes to shove. Xiao He, you know your younger brother’s temper. If this really happens and he doesn’t know the truth, it’s very possible that he will kill everyone in the He family.”

Chapter 465: Emotional

Qiao Mei had also thought about this carefully, but she really did not dare to tell Xia Zhe.

She could usually get away with small matters by sweet-talking him. However, this matter threatened her life and the life of the babies in her womb. If Xia Zhe found out about it, the situation would probably be similar to what Xia Fang had described.

“Knock, knock, knock.”

The three of them looked towards the door in unison. Xia He stood up to open the door. At this hour, it should be Qian’e coming around.

“You’re here. Come in quickly,” Xia He said.

Qian'e stood at the door cautiously. Without Xia Fang's permission, she did not dare to step into the house.

In those years, she had done many wrong things in order to woo Xia Zhe. She even came to visit Xia Fang all the time and shamelessly did that for more than a month. She had always felt bad about this.

"Come in and sit down," Xia Fang said with a smile.

She had liked Qian'e initially. After all, during that time, Qian'e was considered a good match for the Xia family. Although her family was not as rich as the Xia family, her talent was definitely out of their league.

She did not know what happened in between, but she knew that this kid was quite pitiful in the end.

Qian'e changed her shoes and sat down beside Qiao Mei, not daring to look at Xia Fang. She already felt sorry for things she had done in the past, and now she was still "joining forces" with the He family to harm Qiao Mei. In Xia Fang's eyes, she was probably already an enemy.

"Well... since we all know each other, there's no need for any introduction. Qian'e, tell us what happened today," Qiao Mei said as she gave Qian'e a push.

Qian'e looked at Xia Fang with some apprehension. Xia He quickly said, "Aunt already knows about this. Just speak up."

"He Mei has asked me to settle this matter within three days. Her goal is for me to kidnap Qiao Mei so that she can threaten the Xia family to let the He family off. After that, she might do something to Qiao Mei's child. She said that if the kidnapping is not successful, then... then..." Qian'e stammered and did not dare to continue.

"Then kill the baby in Qiao Mei's womb, right?" Xia Fang asked.

Qian'e nodded and said, "Yes... she wants me to kill Qiao Mei's child. She says it would be even better if Qiao Mei dies as well so that she can replace Qiao Mei."

Xia Fang sneered and said, “Hurhur, how can she have the cheek to enter our Xia family’s door? Is she even worthy?”

“She even says that I just need to tell her whatever I need. There’s nothing else. Oh right! These are the agreements that she and Ma San wrote for me. Qiao Mei, see if there is anything missing.” Qian’e took out the two agreements from her bag and handed them to Qiao Mei.

Qiao Mei looked through the agreements in her hand patiently. Qian’e really learned how to do it with only one lesson. There were no mistakes nor anything missing in the agreements. Even if they were to confront each other in court, she was 100% confident that they could take down the He family in one fell swoop.

Qiao Mei passed the agreements to Xia Fang and Xia He to take a look. This was the first time Xia Fang had seen such a well-written agreement.

“Mei Mei, you know about these things as well?” Xia Fang looked at Qiao Mei in puzzlement.

Did they not say that Qiao Mei has never studied before? Even Xia Wen, the most learned of them all in the family, was not very good at making written agreements.

“Ah... I’ve discussed such things with elder brother before and I picked some stuff up myself. I’m not really very proficient in it,” Qiao Mei said.

Xia Fang thought to herself, “This child is really smart. She will definitely be outstanding when she goes to school in the future.”

“Is there any problem with the agreements?” Qian’e looked at Qiao Mei nervously.

Qiao Mei patted Qian’e on the shoulder and said with a smile, “No problem. This can be considered ironclad evidence that can be used to testify against He Mei. You’ve done very well.”

Qian'e did not know why tears started welling up in her eyes. Ever since her abortion, her neighbors and family had only cursed her endlessly. This was the first time someone had praised her for doing well.

"Are... are you alright?" Qiao Mei looked at Qian'e helplessly. She did not know what she had said wrong to make Qian'e cry like this.

"I'm fine. I just feel a little emotional. I clearly treated you that way in the past, yet you're still so nice to me and willing to believe me," Qian'e said.

Xia Fang and Xia He also admired Qiao Mei very much for what she had done. Even when this matter did not happen to them, they still felt a lot of anger and resentment towards Qian'e, but Qiao Mei did not feel the same way.

"I think you're a good person who just got deceived by them. Right from the beginning, this matter is not your fault. You're only doing this to protect yourself," Qiao Mei said as she looked at Qian'e.

#### Chapter 466: How to Kidnap Someone

"Alright, let's not think about the past. The most important thing now is how to deal with the He family," Xia He said.

Qian'e wiped her tears and said, "I think He Mei prefers that I kidnap Qiao Mei, but how? I don't know what to do about this."

If the intention was to hurt Qiao Mei's baby, she just needed to cause a scene on the streets. There was bound to be many people gathering around and a lot of pushing and shoving around. When that happened, it would be easy for Qiao Mei to be caught in it and get pushed over by someone.

She had never done something like kidnapping before.

"Kidnapping? How about we rent a warehouse?" Qiao Mei asked Xia He and Xia Fang.

He Mei did not say that Qian'e had to use the He family's people to arrange this matter. In that case, they could arrange for their own people to do it. When the time came, they would make it look like Qian'e arranged for Qiao Mei to go to that place and then put on a show so that no one would be suspicious.

"There aren't many usable warehouses on the market now. It depends on the location too. If it's too far away, the round trip will take a long time," Xia He said.

"It needs to be somewhere nearby and it has to be somewhere obscure. Otherwise, the He family might not believe it," Xia Fang said.

That would be difficult. The area they lived in could be considered a prosperous area in the capital. How could there be a vacant and obscure place around here?

"What about the abandoned rubbish dump? There's a rubbish dump in the suburbs of the capital that has been abandoned for a long time. That place should work," Qian'e said.

Xia Fang knew this place. Back then, the authorities had found it too small and relocated the rubbish dump to a bigger place. However, because there had been no one managing that place for a long time, many things had piled up there and it was smelly and unbearable.

"That one won't do. The environment is really too bad," Xia Fang said with a frown.

Qiao Mei thought for a moment and said, "We have so many parks here. What if you kidnap me and take me to a park?"

"The park is too open an area. If someone from the He family sneaks into the park, things might go wrong," Qian'e said.

"The last time, I brought Kong Lu to the center of the lake to discuss something with him. Why don't we go to the center of the lake? How about we pretend that Qiao Mei loses her footing and falls into the water?" Xia He said.



During this period of time, she had nothing to do and had taught Qiao Mei how to swim and change breath underwater. They had already made some progress, but she was still worried that Qiao Mei would panic and make mistakes in the process.

“That’s not a good idea. If Qiao Mei gets a shock from falling into the water, it will be very harmful to the baby. If that happens, it will really become an accident and the He family will really achieve their goal.” Xia Fang quickly rejected this idea.

None of their plans could work. The four of them fell into deep thought.

There were only so many places in the entire capital that could suit this purpose. It was really too difficult to find a reasonable and appropriate place.

“Why don’t... we just go to the rubbish dump in the suburbs of the capital. Although the environment there is not very good, it’s desolate and there are very few people. When the time comes, Uncle Liu Yang’s vehicle can also pick me up very quickly,” Qiao Mei said.

“I’m still worried. Let’s think of another way. This is too risky,” Xia Fang said.

No matter what, she still did not agree with Qiao Mei taking the risk. It was too bold of them to plan such an important matter among the few of them.

“I think the lake is better. Firstly, Qiao Mei can swim nowadays. Secondly, the center of the lake is so far away from everything. When the time comes, no one will discover that it’s me pretending to be Qiao Mei. After our own people go into the water to do the rescue, Qiao Mei just needs to be drenched and lying down on the shore,” Xia He said.

“This idea is quite good, but won’t you be in danger? The center of the lake is so deep. What if you sink into mud or something?” Xia Fang asked nervously.

It was a tough call as both of them were dear to her. Among the kids in the younger generation, she liked Xia He the most. Although she was usually a little strict with Xia He, it was all for her own good.

“That’s right, elder sister. There are still three days left. Why don’t we think of another way? This is too risky,” Qiao Mei said.

Qian’e also looked at Xia He worriedly. Xia He was the one who taught her how to swim. She knew that Xia He could swim very well, but no one could guarantee that nothing would go wrong.

“Why don’t I go and ask around about the warehouse again. It’s too risky to carry out a kidnapping in the middle of the lake,” Qian’e said.

Since everyone was so insistent, Xia He could only give up on this idea.

#### Chapter 467: Coming Home So Late

“Although I’m helping you out in this matter, I still have to be responsible for all your safety. We have to tell Xiao Zhe about this and let him know. I also want him to arrange for a few people to act as kidnappers. It’s more reasonable than Qian’e going to kidnap Qiao Mei alone,” Xia Fang said.

The moment she heard Xia Zhe’s name, Qiao Mei felt a chill down her spine. She did not dare to tell Xia Zhe about it herself. Xia He had also asked her earlier what she would do if Xia Zhe found out.

At that time, she had even said confidently that Xia Zhe would forgive her as long as she acted cute. Now, it seemed that she was also just lying to herself.

Now that it had come to a point to tell Xia Zhe about it, she ended up being the first one to beat a retreat.

“Why... why don’t we not tell Xia Zhe about this? If not, before He Mei can harm me, Xia Zhe will cut me open first,” Qiao Mei said fearfully.

Everyone laughed loudly. Xia He laughed most happily as she pointed at Qiao Mei and said, “You little girl, what did you tell me back then? Why are you so afraid now?”

"! Oh my... elder sister, don't laugh at me..." Qiao Mei said as she lowered her head.

"By the way, Qian'e, I remember that you have a relative in the transportation business. He must know where there are warehouses in the capital," Xia Fang said as she looked at Qian'e.

Three pairs of eyes stared at Qian'e in unison.

"My family members are unreliable. It would not be that bad if I really intend to kidnap Qiao Mei, but it's all a lie now. When the He family investigates the details, everything will become exposed. Moreover, my family members... They haven't been nice to me all these years and they all say that I'm a jinx..." Qian'e said awkwardly.

"Let's think about this tomorrow. It's already dark. Qian'e, go back quickly. Otherwise, your mother will come out to look for you," Xia Fang said as she looked at the time.

Qian'e nodded. There was nothing she could do at the moment even if she racked her brains. She decided to go home and think about it carefully.

Seeing that there were not many people in the neighborhood, Qian'e hurriedly ran back to her house. As soon as she opened the door, she saw a big metal tea jar flying towards her, still with some tea leaves and hot water inside.

"You jinx, where did you go! You're back so late! Do you intend to starve me to death! I don't know where that unlucky mother of yours went. You two must be doing this on purpose!" Old Madam Qian sat on the sofa and scolded as she looked in the direction of the door.

Qian Wang was usually not at home. There was a daybed in the hospital office and he often rested there. He also depended on the canteen at the hospital for his meals and he would only come back once a week to get a change of clothes.

Zhao Ni was the one who took care of everything at home. She took care of Old Madam Qian's daily needs and she was often scolded and beaten up. However, she still served Old Madam Qian diligently for the sake of Qian'e.

“Where’s my mother?” Qian’e asked as she looked around the house.

Usually, Zhao Ni would not be out at this hour. She must have been delayed by something, otherwise Old Madam Qian must have done something to chase her away.

“Hmph, that b\*tch actually talked back to me when she came back today. I only said a few words to her and then she ran off. She hasn’t returned yet. Why do you care about her! Hurry up and make dinner for me!” Old Madam Qian said.

It was just as Qian’e expected. She knew that Zhao Ni would not suddenly be away from home.

However, Zhao Ni was already an adult and did not need Qian’e to worry about her. She would come back by herself in the middle of the night, when Old Madam Qian was asleep.

Qian’e went silently into the kitchen to make some noodles for Old Madam Qian. She did not know how to make anything else.

“That b\*tch mother of yours gives birth to you just to cause trouble for our Qian family!”

“What sins has our Qian family committed! That b\*tch is so disappointing. She only gave birth to a girl like you. What’s the use of having a girl!”

“She’s trying to destroy the lineage of our Qian family! It’s all your fault, you disappointing thing!”

“...”

Qian’e had long gotten tired of hearing these words. Usually, Old Madam Qian said things that were much worse. Qian’e wondered if her life would be much better if Zhao Ni had not insisted on marrying Qian Wang and then giving birth to her. She would not need to be at the mercy of others and be reviled every day.

“You little b\*tch, are you done yet! I’m about to starve to death! Hurry up and get me something to eat!” Old Madam Qian picked up the cup beside her and threw it towards the kitchen.

The cup shattered when it hit the kitchen door. Qian’e looked at the glass shards all over the floor and wished she could pick one up and kill this old woman.

#### Chapter 468: Telling the Truth

Qian’e placed the bowl of noodles on the coffee table sulkily. Old Madam Qian took advantage of the moment when Qian’e bent down to slap her.

Qian’e lost her balance and fell to the floor. Her arm was cut by the glass shards on the floor and the bowl of noodles also got overturned.

Old Madam Qian started scolding her again.

“You useless thing! What’s the use of feeding me these lousy noodles! Are you going to starve me to death since there’s nothing in it at all!” Old Madam Qian shouted.

Qian’e sat up from the floor with difficulty. Blood was still flowing down her arm. She looked at Old Madam Qian coldly and said, “This is all we have at home. Take it or leave it.”

Qian’e went into the room to take out the first aid kit and skillfully treated the wound on her arm. This was a common occurrence. When she was still young, Old Madam Qian would hit her whenever Old Madam Qian thought that she did not do well enough. Zhao Ni would also get beaten up. She had always treated her own wounds and could do it even more professionally than the doctors in the hospital.

She carefully picked out the glass bits from her arm, disinfected the wound with iodine and wrapped it in a simple bandage. With her thick skin, there was no need for her to go to the hospital for such a minor injury.

Qian'e then patiently went to the living room to clean up the glass shards and the bloodstains on the floor. The only person she could not bear to leave behind in this house was Zhao Ni.

After tidying up everything, Qian'e went to the kitchen to cook a bowl of noodles for Old Madam Qian and brought it to her. "There's nothing else. If you want to eat, then eat it properly. Otherwise, I'll throw it away."

"You! This is how you talk to your grandmother! Do you still have any respect for your elders!" Old Madam Qian pointed at Qian'e and scolded her.

Qian'e did not care at all. She looked at Old Madam Qian and said, "Eating it or not?"

"Even if I die! I won't eat anything made by a little b\*tch like you! Who knows if you'll poison me to death! You just want me to die soon!" Old Madam Qian said.

Qian'e did not let her have her way. She poured the noodles into the trash can and returned to the room. No matter how Old Madam Qian shouted and scolded her, she pretended not to hear anything.

Together with Xia Mao and Xia Wen, Xia Zhe had been dealing with the remaining matters related to the He family. He had thought that he could uproot the He family this time, but he did not expect the He family to have so many connections after so many years. It turned out to be quite difficult to deal with them.

It was not easy for him to find time to come back and spend time with Qiao Mei today. He did not expect her not to be at home when he got back. When he heard from Second Aunt-in-law that she had gone to his Aunt's house, he immediately rushed over without stopping to take a breather.

The three women were still sitting in the living room and discussing strategies when they were interrupted by a knock on the door.

"Who is coming by so late?" Qiao Mei asked curiously.

"I'll go take a look." Xia He went to the door and looked out through the peephole. She did not expect to see Xia Zhe there.

Xia He was so frightened that she quickly ran back and whispered to Qiao Mei, "You should go and open the door..."

Qiao Mei walked to the door with a puzzled expression and opened it. As soon as Xia Zhe entered, he held her in his arms.

"Ah! Why are you back?" Qiao Mei said in surprise.

"I have some free time, so I'm back to see you," Xia Zhe said with a smile.

Xia Fang coughed twice and said, "Ahem... You don't even know how to greet your aunt first when you come by. You only know how to talk to your wife. Hurry up and close the door so that the neighbors don't see you."

Xia Zhe let go of his hands in embarrassment and turned around to close the door.

"What are you all doing sitting in the living room at this hour?" Xia Zhe asked.

There was no television in the living room now, nor was there anything for them to pass the time with. There were also no peanut and melon seed shells on the coffee table. Could it be that they were just sitting here chatting?

"Well... we have nothing to do, so we're just sitting here talking," Xia He said with a smile.

Based on Xia Zhe's years of well-honed reconnaissance skills, he could tell that there was definitely something fishy going on.

"You're... really just talking?" Xia Zhe looked at the three of them doubtfully.

Qiao Mei looked towards Xia He for help, but Xia He was also afraid that Xia Zhe would blame her if he found out. It would be better for Qiao Mei to confess on her own.

“Xiao Zhe, sit down. We have something to tell you,” Xia Fang said solemnly.

“Is there something wrong with the babies!” Xia Zhe looked at Xia Fang’s solemn expression and then at the evasive looks that Xia He and Qiao Mei gave him. He felt as if his heart was in his mouth.

“No, no. Sit down first. This matter is more complicated and I have to tell you slowly,” Qiao Mei quickly waved her hand and said.

Chapter 469: Tricky Matter

Xia Zhe brought over a stool and sat opposite the three of them. Qiao Mei poked Xia Fang and whispered, “Aunt... I don’t dare to say...”

Xia Fang sighed. She really could not count on either of these two kids. It was better for her to do it herself.

“Xiao Zhe, I shouldn’t be worried about this, but I still want to ask how the matter with the He family is going?” Xia Fang asked.

“It’s a little tricky, but elder brother and father are almost done with it. We still have to rely on elder brother to do the rest,” Xia Zhe said honestly.

Now that the three brothers of the He family had all been arrested, many people who had received the He family’s kindness in the past had jumped out to obstruct the Xia family. These people might not be doing all these to repay the kindness, but they felt that they were all in the same boat and were afraid that the He family would implicate them when things become serious.

They could only protect their own wealth and status by protecting He Ning.

As for those families who had enmity with the He family, they could not help much. This group of people had no power or influence to help much, so it was obviously not so easy to completely defeat He Ning on their end.



Xia Fang nodded and said, "Then let's talk about other things related to the He family now..."

Xia Fang passed the agreements to Xia Zhe and told him everything in detail, not missing a single word.

Qiao Mei lowered her head guiltily and did not dare to look directly at Xia Zhe. She could already clearly feel Xia Zhe staring straight at her.

Xia Zhe gripped the agreements tightly. He had been careless and did not expect He Mei to target Qiao Mei.

"Are you treating our children as child's play?" Xia Zhe said as he stared at Qiao Mei.

Qiao Mei looked up immediately and said, "No! I don't think that way!"

"Younger brother, you've misunderstood Qiao Mei. That's not what she means. The He family is the one who comes looking for trouble first. We're just trying our best to protect ourselves," Xia He also helped to explain.

Xia Zhe looked at the words written on the paper, describing things about harming Qiao Mei and his children, and about killing Qiao Mei. He could not take it anymore and the veins on his neck bulged as his gaze became fiercer.

Qiao Mei hurriedly went forward to hold Xia Zhe's hand and said, "I'm still here. I'll protect our children well!"

When Xia Zhe saw Qiao Mei, he came back to his senses and his gaze softened.

"The He family is deliberately trying to harm you now. I think I'll get our father to arrange for someone to protect you," Xia Zhe said.

“It’s fine. Let’s not tell father and elder brother about this first. We just found out about He Mei’s plan and don’t want to alert the enemy. We’re telling you now so that we can discuss with you how to lure He Mei into a trap,” Qiao Mei explained patiently.

Xia Zhe could not think of any good ideas at the moment. All he could think of now was to go back to his work and make sure that He Ning would never be able to make a comeback. This way, no one would be able to hurt Qiao Mei ever again.

The reason why He Mei could be so arrogant was because of He Ning. As soon as He Ning was eliminated, the He family would not have a good ending.

“Then what do you plan to do?” Xia Zhe asked.

“We haven’t come to a conclusion yet. We still need to find a warehouse nearby,” Xia He said.

Xia Zhe shook his head and said, “The He family has businesses all over the capital. They’re basically very familiar with all the warehouses in the capital. Even if we manage to find a suitable warehouse, we can’t guarantee that no one will inform them.”

Most of the Xia family members were in politics and in the military. They did not have much contact with the merchants in the business world.

For the past five generations, the He family had been in business. They owned and ran all kinds of shops, both big and small. If the Xia family wanted to buy or sell something in the market, the He family would definitely be able to discover it as long as they paid attention.

“Then only the abandoned rubbish dump in the suburbs of the capital can be of use now,” Xia He said.

“That place is very close to He Ning’s house. It’s inevitable that He Ning’s men will be in the vicinity. It’s not very safe there either,” Xia Zhe said.

After thinking about it, the best choice now was to use the plan of jumping into the lake.

“As far as I know, there are very few people at the lake at around 7 a.m. At that time, the elderly folks around the area would have all gone out to buy groceries. They would usually only go for a walk in the park around 8 a.m.,” Xia He said.

She only needed to go and ask Grandpa Zhou about these things. He knew best when there would be many people in the park and when there would be fewer people.

Chapter 470: Not Letting Them Get Away With It

“Why don’t I just arrange for someone to expose the matter regarding the He family? These agreements will be the evidence,” Xia Zhe said.

“No, she hasn’t done anything to me now. She just arranged for someone to do it. These agreements are just two pieces of useless documents now. It’s useless even if you go and look for them,” Qiao Mei said.

Qian’e had not made a move yet, so it was useless to go after He Mei now. They would only be able to punish He Mei after this matter had happened.

“Don’t worry, I’ll take good care of our children. I won’t let anything happen to them,” Qiao Mei said.

“Then what about you? Do you think you’ll definitely be fine?” Xia Zhe asked worriedly.

Qiao Mei smiled and said, “Of course I’ll be fine. I’m very strong. Besides, we haven’t agreed on what to do yet. Don’t worry, I’ll definitely take good care of myself and won’t let myself and the children get into any danger.”

“I’ll also protect Qiao Mei. Don’t worry,” Xia He said.

At the moment, he had no choice but to choose to trust Qiao Mei and also arranged for two capable people to protect her.

“Let me make arrangements now and get a few people to protect you in secret,” Xia Zhe said.

“There’s no need for them to do it in secret. I still need two people to kidnap me. Can you help me find two people?” Qiao Mei looked at Xia Zhe expectantly.

Although Xia Zhe was so angry with Qiao Mei, he wanted to laugh. This young girl actually wanted him to find someone to “kidnap” her. She was simply too spoiled and lawless.

However, it was better to have their own people than people from the He family. Coincidentally, Zhang Yong and Zhuang Hua were in the capital and he would feel at ease if they could help with this matter.

“I’ll get Zhuang Hua and Zhang Yong to protect you.” Xia Zhe was about to contact them when Qiao Mei stopped him.

“No, the He family definitely knows the two of them. You have to find some strangers. Otherwise, if the He family sees through our plan, all our efforts will be in vain,” Qiao Mei said.

“Then... I’ll contact other people when I get back. I don’t know who to look for now,” Xia Zhe said.

“I’ll help Qiao Mei make the necessary arrangements at the hospital. You guys settle the matters with He Ning. You can leave Qiao Mei with me,” Xia Fang said.

This matter must be resolved. Even if they let the He family off, the He family would not let them off so easily.

Xia Zhe looked at the clock on the wall. Time had passed so quickly. He had to go back immediately. There were still many things that Xia Mao and Xia Wen had yet to settle.

“I have to go...” Xia Zhe looked at Qiao Mei reluctantly.

“Go ahead. Don’t worry, I’ll definitely be fine,” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Xia Zhe held Qiao Mei’s hand and did not care that an elder was present. He went forward and kissed Qiao Mei deeply on the forehead and said, “You must be safe. Don’t risk your life.”

“Don’t worry, I’ll definitely come back well,” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Xia Zhe quickly left Xia Fang’s house so that he could make the best use of his time to settle the matter with He Ning. If he did not manage to get something on He Ning soon, the detention period would soon pass. After that, it would be difficult to capture He Ning again.

This time, they did not only want to take revenge on the He family, but they also wanted to help the Jiang family redress the past so that they could live a good life from this point onwards.

At the same time, he also had his own selfish motives. If the Jiang family could settle down and live a good life in the capital, then Xia Xiu and Jiang Jin might be able to continue their previous relationship. Xia Xiu had waited for Jiang Jin for most of her life, and now there was finally hope.

Early the next morning, Qiao Mei and Xia He went around the surrounding parks to see if there were any cleaner lakes or remote warehouses that were suitable for their use.

After walking around for a while, they did not find anything. It seemed that they had to think in detail about the matter of falling into the lake.

“Elder sister, how’s your swimming skills?” Qiao Mei asked worriedly.

“I was the champion swimmer in the entire capital back then. If I joined the army, I would definitely be one of the best. Eldest Aunt had taught me how to swim,” Xia He said proudly.

Back then, she had suffered a lot in order to learn how to swim. It was very hard not to swim well, given that she had a devil trainer for an aunt .

“What if there’s an accident? I’m still worried,” Qiao Mei said.

“Don’t worry. Back then, when Eldest Aunt trained us, she just threw us into the river directly. At that time, we didn’t even know how to swim, but we slowly became familiar with it,” Xia He said.

Qiao Mei did not even know how the three Xia siblings survived under Eldest Aunt's care when they were young.